

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending in this application.

By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended for better clarity.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over JP-A-2001-300922 ("JP-922") in view of either U.S. Patent No. 4,740,408 to Mochida et al. ("Mochida"), U.S. Patent No. 4,810,554 to Hattori et al. ("Hattori"), or U.S. Patent No. 6,159,431 to Inoue et al. ("Inoue"), and/or further in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,557,773 to Bonzo ("Bonzo"). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

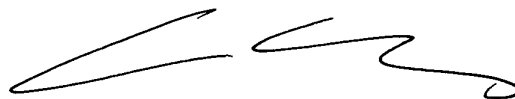
Claim 1 is amended for better clarity, as outlined above. In particular, claim 1 is amended to recite "using only the at least one reference cell as a reference point to determine the positions corresponding to the opening parts of the at least one reference cell and the other cells." The applied references do not disclose or suggest the subject matter recited in claim 1.

For at least the above reason, the applied references do not disclose or suggest the subject matter recited in claims 1-11. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-11 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-11 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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